Steps for Social and Economic Upliftment of Minorities

4920. SHRl AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for social and economic upliftment of minorities especially the Muslims; and

(b) the results so far, achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) This Ministry has set up the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation to promote the economic development of the backward sections among the minorities, including Muslims. It provides loans for income generation activities to persons from minority communities whose income is below double the poverty line. It has so far provided term loans worth Rs. 388 crores for 155241 beneficiaries.

The Maulana Azad Education Foundation implements educational schemes for the backward sections among minorities. It has disbursed Rs. 49.40 crores to 406 NGOs upto March, 2002.

The Central Wakf Council has disbursed Rs. 1.74 crores under educational schemes during 2001-02.

The scheme of pre-examination coaching for weaker sections including minorities, aims to enable them to compete on equal terms in competitive and entrance level exams for professional courses and public services. 42050 persons have been coached under this scheme.

Job reservation for handicapped

4921. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Persons with Disabilities Act has been enforced throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether three per cent job reservation as per the provision of the said Act has been implemented;

(c) whether any action has been taken against departments and institutions for not implementing three per cent job reservation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Central and State Commissariat for persons with disabilities have taken effective action for implementing the provisions of the Act?

. <THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 has been in force from 7.2.1996 throughout the country excepting that the Act does not extend to the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) to (d) Representation in identified posts for persons with disabilities in various Ministries/ Departments is in excess of 3% in all groups.

(e) The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and the State Commissioners are following up the implementation of the various provisions of the Act with States/UT Governments.

Social Welfare Schemes for Backwards/SCs/STs and border areas of Rajasthan

†4922. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of social welfare schemes being implemented in Rajasthan by Govemment and amount provided for the same under these schemes, district-wise;

(b) the manner in which this spending is controlled by Govemment;

(c) whether there is any scheme for the welfare of Backwards/SCs/STs and border areas of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the same is being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) The social welfare schemes being implemented in Rajasthan and amount provided to them are available in the Annual reports of the Ministry.

(c) Grant-in-aid is released to State Govemment on receipt of proposals

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.